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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

In the specification:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 6, line 27, change "ester" (second occurrence) to ---ether---.

Page 32, line 24, delete "2-chloropentane,".

Page 49, line 5, delete "R¹,".

Page 49, line 7, delete "R¹,".

Page 59, line 28, delete entirely.

Page 59, line 29, delete entirely.

Page 59, line 30, delete entirely.

Page 59, line 31, delete entirely.

Page 59, line 32, delete entirely.

Page 59, line 33, delete entirely.